IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 15, and 17-18 in accordance with the following:

1.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating purchase information, comprising:

an account information input/output section that obtains first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network<u>, the items being functionally related to one another</u>;

a registration unit that generates purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;

a storage unit that stores the unique purchase identification information;

a searching unit that searches the storage unit for the first purchase information based on receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from the second person; and

a creation unit that creates second purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by the second person, based on the first purchase information searched.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the storage unit further stores person identification information to uniquely identify the second person, and

the searching unit searches the storage unit for the first purchase information corresponding to the person identification information, which is received from the second person as the search condition.

4.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

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the person identification information includes information to identify the second person as a customer who purchases the item.

5.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the storage unit further stores item identification information to uniquely identify the item, and

the searching unit searches the storage unit for the first purchase information corresponding to the item identification information, which is received from the second person as the search condition.

6.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the storage unit further stores person identification information to uniquely identify the first person, and

the searching unit searches the storage unit for the first purchase information corresponding to the person identification information, which is received from the second person as the search condition.

7.   (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

the person identification information includes information to identify the first person as a supervisor who manages the online shopping service.

8.   (Currently Amended) A method of creating purchase information, comprising:

obtaining first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network, the items being functionally related to one another;

generating purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;

storing the unique purchase identification information;

receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from the second person;

searching ~~the storage unit~~ for the first purchase information based on the search condition; and

creating second purchase information concerning an item to be

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purchased by the second person, based on the first purchase information searched.

9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising
        storing person identification information to uniquely identify the second person,
wherein
        the receiving includes receiving the person identification information, as the
search condition, from the second person, and
        the searching includes searching the storage unit for the first purchase
information corresponding to the person identification information received.

11.   (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein
        the person identification information includes information to identify the second
person as a customer who purchases the item.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising
        storing item identification information to uniquely identify the item, wherein
        the receiving includes receiving the item identification information, as the search
condition, from the second person, and
        the searching includes searching the storage unit for the first purchase
information corresponding to the item identification information received.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising
        storing purchase identification information to uniquely identify the first person,
wherein
        the receiving includes receiving the person identification information, as the
search condition, from the second person, and
        the searching includes searching the storage unit for the first purchase
information corresponding to the person identification information received.

14.   (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein
        the person identification information includes information to identify the first
person as a supervisor who manages the online shopping service.

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product including computer executable instructions stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the instructions, when executed by the computer, cause the computer to perform:

obtaining first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network, the items being functionally related to one another;

generating purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;

storing the unique purchase identification information;

receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from the second person;

searching the storage unit for the first purchase information based on the search condition; and

creating second purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by the second person, based on the first purchase information searched.

16.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the account information input/output section obtains a plurality of first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from a plurality of respective item lists provided by a plurality of respective online shopping services via the network, and

the storage unit stores the plurality of first purchase information obtained by the account information input/output section.

17.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating purchase information, comprising:

an account information input/output section that obtains first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network, the items being functionally related to one another;

a registration unit that generates purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;

a storage unit that stores the unique purchase identification information; and

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a creation unit that creates second purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by a second person, based on the first purchase information obtained, as a result of receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from the second person.

18.   (Currently Amended) A method of creating purchase information, comprising:

storing first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network, the items being functionally related to one another;

generating purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;

receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from a second person;

searching for the first purchase information corresponding to the search condition; and

creating second purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by the second person, based on the first purchase information searched.